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PLATELET FUNCTION OF PRIMARY HEMOSTASIS,  
AGGREGATION AND/OR COAGULATION AND/OR  
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In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56 and §1.97(b), the applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A. Copies of these references are submitted herewith.

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The aforementioned reference was cited in the "Background of the Invention" section of the present application. Accordingly, no further discussion is believed to be necessary.

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A. Calatzis et al., "Point-of-Care Testing of Hemostatic Alterations in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care", Anaesthesist, Vol. 52, No. 3, 2003, pps. 229-237.

The aforementioned references were cited in the International Search Report of the International Patent Application No. PCT/DE2005/000196 from which the present application claims priority. Accordingly, no further discussion is believed to be necessary.

Applicants respectfully request that this prior art be considered during the examination of this application.

No action has issued in the above-identified application therefore, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is due at this time under 37 CFR §1.97(b).

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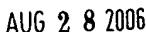
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